
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION AND COUNTY OF HAWAII TO
WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY AND PURSUE THE BEST PLAN OF
ACTION TO ADDRESS ISSUES AT KAHALU'U BEACH PARK ON HAWAII
ISLAND.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
2 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation aims to preserve the
3 State's natural and cultural resources while ensuring public
4 access to state waters and enhancing the ocean experience; and
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6 WHEREAS, one of the Division of Boating and Ocean
7 Recreation's goals is to generate revenue in support of the
8 Division's programs, operations, and maintenance; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
11 issues commercial use permits for activity in state ocean
12 waters, among other revocable permits; and
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14 WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i manages the beach and
15 shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach Park in North Kona, Hawai'i island,
16 which has gray sand and a rocky shoreline; and
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18 WHEREAS, commercial activity on the beach and shoreline at
19 Kahalu'u Beach Park requires a permit from the County of Hawai'i
20 Department of Parks and Recreation; and
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22 WHEREAS, commercial activity in state waters near Kahalu'u
23 Beach Park requires a permit from the Division of Boating and
24 Ocean Recreation; and
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26 WHEREAS, the processes for issuing commercial use permits
27 for state waters and the beach and shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach
28 Park are incongruent and could be streamlined to be more
29 efficient; and
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1 WHEREAS, cooperation between the Division of Boating and
2 Ocean Recreation and the County of Hawai'i can help improve and
3 streamline the state waters and beach and shoreline commercial
4 use permit processes for Kahalu'u Beach Park; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
8 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation and County of Hawai'i
9 are requested to collaborate to identify and pursue the best
10 plan of action moving forward, given adjacent jurisdictions of
11 the County and State at Kahalu'u Bay, to meet county and state
12 interests in supporting a balanced solution for community and
13 business to address issues of overcrowding and safety;
14 improving, identifying, and protecting native Hawaiian rights
15 and customary and traditional practices; and streamlining the
16 state waters and beach and shoreline commercial use permit
17 processes for Kahalu'u Beach Park; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Boating and
20 Ocean Recreation and County of Hawai'i are requested to submit a
21 report of their progress and recommendations, including any
22 proposed legislation, regarding the plan of action to the
23 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
24 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
28 Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the Division of
29 Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of Land and
30 Natural Resources, and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

